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Application Number	09/397,494
Filing Date	September 15, 1999
First Named Inventor	Balaban, David J.
Art Unit	2857
Examiner Name	Jeffrey R. West
Attorney Docket Number	018547-037510US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Return Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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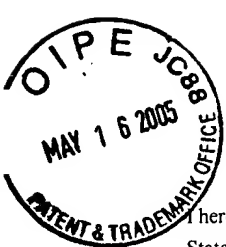
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David Balaban et al.

Application No.: 09/397,494

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: COMPUTER BASED METHOD
FOR PROVIDING A LABORATORY
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM

Customer No.: 33494

Confirmation No. 8817

Examiner: Jeffrey R. West

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2857

RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2005 on the above-referenced application, and accompanying the request for continued examination (RCE) filed herewith, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.